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SUBJECT: LOS-NEW MALAYSIAN LAW MINISTER/ATTORNEY GENERAL

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1. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE TAN SRI KADIR WILL NO LONGER HAVE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR LAW OF THE SEA MATTERS. (HIS NEW POSITION DEALS EXCLUSIVELY WITH DOMESTIC LAND DEVELOPMENT.) ENCIK N. PARAMESWARAN, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LOS IN THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INDICATED TO US LAST WEEK THAT NEW LAW MINISTER/ATTORNEY GENERAL HAMZAH WILL TAKE OVER KADIR'S LOS DUTIES. HAMZAH'S INITIAL FOCUS HAS BEEN ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION REGULATING ACTIVITIES BY MALAYSIAN LAWYERS AND WE HAVE NO INSIGHT AS YET INTO HIS THINKING ON LOS ISSUES.

2. WE HAD HOPED TO MEET WITH LAW MINISTER/ATTORNEY GENERAL HAMZAH DURING THE CURRENT VISIT BY CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF'S DELEGATION TO SEEK HIS VIEWS ON LOS AS WELL AS ON NARCOTICS MATTERS AND TO EXPOSE HIM TO OURS. HOWEVER, HE WAS SENT ON A MISSION ABOARD AT THE LAST MINUTE (THE AFRO-ASIAN LEGAL CONSULTATIVE CONFERENCE IN DOHA, QATAR) AND THUS A SCHEDULED MEETING AND DINNER HOSTED BY HIM WERE CANCELLED AT THE
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LAST MINUTE.
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